Negotiations with the Nizam's Government for the site of the Sangameswaram project.

* 477 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur YAHYA ALI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any negotiations were started recently by the Government with the Nizam's Government regarding the sites for the Tungabhadra-Kistna (Sangameswaram) project; and

(*b*) if so, whether they will be pleased to lay the correspondence on the table?

A.—(*a*) Negotiations have been started regarding the Tungabhadra-Kistna project.

(*b*) No.

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask, Sir, about the negotiations that are going on, whether they are merely concerned with the acquisition of lands or whether they are concerned with the appointment of the available water?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"They cover both questions."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the Nizam's Government have put up any definite demand for a share of the water?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"At the conference I had at Hyderabad they did put up certain claims; but the whole matter is under negotiation."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"Was the claim so exorbitant or unreasonable that it requires so much time for settlement? In view of the fact that there is large volume of water available, you can deal with the Nizam's Government more liberally."

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"The case is not as simple as the hon. Member seems to think. Alternative schemes are under consideration."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether the Government of the Nizam have presented any alternative scheme?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"Not at present; the whole matter is under negotiation; we hope to come to some arrangement."

Minor Irrigation

Permits for the lay-out of water-pipes from Courtallam falls.

* 478 *Q.*—Mr. M. D. T. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of permits for the lay-out of water-pipes from the waterfalls with their specifications and special water-supply that have been granted to the residents in and near Courtallam (Tinnevelly district);